

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 14, 2006**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Gasper Salerno, Vice-President
Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms
Phillip A. DiMaria
Anthony Lipinski
Timothy M. Malone
Gene Schabath, Rep. Anthony Marrocco
Thomas L. Raymus
Marvin E. Sauger
Betty Slinde

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn and David Humbyrd, Parks & Recreation;
Jim Meyerand of Corporation Counsel

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A MOTION BY MR. SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY MR. LIPINSKI WAS MADE APPROVING THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION BY MS. SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY MR. SALERNO WAS MADE APPROVING THE MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2006. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta reported there were no major changes in the budget.

A MOTION BY MR. BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY MR. RAYMUS WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE BUDGET REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bucci stated he understood the Finance Department reported \$24,000 was collected on the Bearing Burners event and asked how much was collected last year for this event. Mr. Casasanta stated he would check in the records for last year.

Mr. Malone asked how the Park would be addressing the issues related to holding the Air Force Band of Flight event. Mr. Casasanta responded the Bandleader was shown the festival grounds and said the orchestra could perform on the Park grounds however, would prefer the amphitheater.

Discussion ensued as to the set-up of tables and chairs under the large pavilion, and potential costs to use the amphitheater.

Mr. Meyerand stated according to the contract there are no costs associated with the amphitheater, we have equal access to it. He continued by saying apparently the County was charged last year and per Hillside's recent memo they intend on charging again for the use of the amphitheater. He stated it would look as though there is another contract issue.

Ms. Slinde asked questions about sheriff security costs at the graduation events.

Mr. Meyerand counseled the Commission that any response to Ms. Slinde's question is done under Closed Session, as it is clearly part of the litigation.

A MOTION BY MS. KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY MR. DIMARIA WAS MADE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS SHERIFF DEPARTMENT SECURITY COSTS.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION

	YES	NO
BUCCI	X	
DIMARIA	X	
RAYMUS	X	
KLEIN	X	
LIPINSKI	X	
MALONE	X	
SCHABATH	X	
PERNA		X
SALERNO	X	
SAUGER	X	
SLINDE	X	
TOTAL	10	1

MOTION PASSED.

The Commission went into Closed Session at 7:45 a.m.

The Park Commission reconvened their Regular Meeting at 7:45 a.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SCHABATH, SUPPORTED BY MR. BUCCI DIRECTING MR. CASASANTA SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO HILLSIDE ASKING FOR SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR CHARGES TO USE THE AMPHITHEATER ON JULY 5, 2006 FOR THE BAND OF FLIGHT CONCERT AND REQUEST A RESPONSE BY FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2006. MOTION CARRIED WITH MS. KLEIN VOTING "NO".

A MOTION BY MR. DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY MS. SLINDE WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal to Provide Assistance for Macomb County Recreation & Open Space Master Plan

Mr. Casasanta recommended approval on Wade Trim's proposal of \$15,000 for services provided to work with the Planning Department on the Open Space Master Plan. He further stated Wade Trim has been hired to complete Phase II and III of the Macomb Orchard Trail. They have worked before with the Planning Dept. on the Open Space and Macomb County Trail Master Plan for which the County has received an award.

MOTION BY MS. KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY MR. DIMARIA WAS MADE APPROVING WADE TRIM'S PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR MACOMB COUNTY RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Olympic Michigan's Signature Walk – October 28, 2006

Mr. Casasanta referred to the letter regarding this Special Olympic Walk and recommended approval of this event at the Park.

A MOTION BY MR. DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY MS. KLEIN WAS MADE APPROVING THE SPECIAL OLYMPIC MICHIGAN'S SIGNATURE WALK OCTOBER 28, 2006 AT THE COUNTY PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

Italian Festival Parking Fee Request

Mr. Casasanta referred to the letter sent by the Italian American Festival Sponsor asking for \$2.00 to go back to the Italian Cultural Club and requesting an increase from 100 parking passes to 300 for the weekend.

Discussion ensued.

A MOTION BY MR. RAYMUS, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER WAS MADE APPROVING THE ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL SPONSOR'S REQUEST FOR 300 PARKING PASSES AND \$2.00 REBATE TO THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY.

Outdoor Market Proposal

Mr. Casasanta recommended looking at this proposal under the Master Plan to see how it might fit this Park. Mr. Casasanta further stated he would present a recommendation from Planning Subcommittee and bring it back to the Park Commission for consideration and/or approval, which could then be brought before the Operational Committee, then Full Board for final approval.

OTHER

Mr. Humbyrd commented the Park will change over the hall for the Senior Swing Dance after the Older American Festival event is over however, it will take a little longer to set-up.

Mr. Perna announced that the Park received \$500 from Warren Bank for the fireworks event.

Ms. Klein asked if the Park received any donation from Cindy Victor. Mr. Casasanta responded he has not.

Mr. Schabath motioned to form an Adhoc Committee to look into raising funds through donations for next year's fireworks. Mr. Perna responded anyone wishing to serve on an Adhoc committee to write or contact him.

Mr. Schabath inquired if our agendas could include a Corporation Counsel report. Mr. DiMaria responded it would be best to keep the agenda the way it is.

Mr. Perna stated that on July 1, 2006 a picnic for special children to be held under the large pavilion here at the Park organized by Al Hambra along with five groups and volunteers serving breakfast and conducting activities. Mr. Casasanta stated there is a reservation contract in place.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION BY MR. BUCCI SUPPORTED BY MR. KLEIN WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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